

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007358 with the following amended abstract:

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A transport device (10) for sleeve-shaped covers (18) for cylinders in printing units (60) of a printing press (12) ~~comprises~~ includes a translation element (14) and a number of carrier elements (16) for sleeve-shaped covers (18). The carrier elements (16) are received on the translation element (14). A movement of the translation element (14) causes at least a group of carrier elements (16) to be positioned in the vicinity of cylinders of the printing press such that sleeve-shaped covers (18) received on the carrier elements (16) of the group are transferable directly from the carrier elements (16) to the cylinders or that sleeve-shaped covers (18) received on the cylinders are transferable directly to the carrier elements (16) of the group. In the method of changing sleeve-shaped covers (18), groups of carrier elements (16) are positioned in front of the cylinders so that the sleeve-shaped covers (18) are taken off the cylinders and transferred directly to carrier elements (16) or are transferred and mounted from carrier elements (16) directly to cylinders and are mounted thereon.